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PATENT

Attorney Docket No. 20882-000210

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:

MARK H. SHER et al.

Application No.: 09/991,272

Filed: November 16, 2001

For: OPTICAL SIGNAL CONVERTER  
WITH FILTERED OUTPUT

Examiner: Unknown

Art Unit: Unknown

PETITION TO EXTEND  
TIME TO RESPOND

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §136, the applicants respectfully request an **extension of two months** to respond to the Notice of Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application, mailed December 5, 2001. Payment of the fee of **\$200**, as enumerated in 37 C.F.R. §17(a), is made herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

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